



STATE OF MAINE  
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS  
AND ELECTION PRACTICES  
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AUGUSTA, MAINE  
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**Agenda**

**Meeting of September 21, 2005**

9:00 a.m., Commission Offices, 242 State Street, Augusta, Maine

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

1. Ratification of minutes of the July 13, 2005 and August 10, 2005 meetings

**NEW BUSINESS**

2. **Definition of Lobbying for Disclosure Purposes**

In response to questions from lobbyists, the staff requests the Commission's approval on a set of guidelines regarding what activities fall within the definition of "lobbying."

3. **Proposed Guidelines for Maine Clean Election Act Expenditures**

The Maine Clean Election Act (MCEA) requires the Commission to publish guidelines for candidates outlining permissible campaign-related purposes for which MCEA funds may be used. The staff requests the Commission's approval on a revised set of guidelines.

4. **Proposed Question & Answer Memo on Lobbyist Contributions**

Before previous legislative sessions, staff and lobbyists have posed questions to the Commission staff regarding the ban on campaign contributions during the legislative session. To respond to some of the questions, the Commission staff has prepared a proposed memorandum for possible distribution to lobbyists and the Legislature.

5. **Proposed Legislation for Representative Pat Blanchette and Edward R. Dugay**

Representatives Patricia A. Blanchette and Edward R. Dugay have approached the Commission staff about some ideas for legislation they might submit prohibiting a candidate's payment of MCEA funds to the candidate's family members and requiring the submission of receipts (*i.e.*, bills or invoices) to the Commission for all MCEA expenditures. For discussion purposes only, the staff has prepared draft legislation.

**6. Proposed Dates for Future Meetings**

The following dates are the second Wednesdays of the next four months:

October 12  
November 9  
December 14  
January 11

**Other**

Miscellaneous as needed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

If necessary.

**ADJOURNMENT**